



## **Public Information Meeting**

Riverdale – May 15, 2008

Rex – May 19, 2008

Lovejoy – May 20, 2008

Jonesboro – May 22, 2008

# Tonight's Agenda

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- Welcome
- Overview and Schedule
- CTP Goals and Consistent Themes
- Needs Assessment Results
- Recommendations
- Next Steps

# Overview

- Initiated CTP – July 2007
- Existing Conditions – Fall 2007
- Community Outreach Activities
  - Public Meetings
    - August 2007
    - January 2008
    - May 2008 (scheduled)
  - TSC Meetings (August 2007, October 2007, February 2008)
  - SAC Meetings (June 2007, October 2007, April 2008)
  - Stakeholder Interviews
- Needs Assessment – Under Review
- Alternatives Development – February – April 2008
- Draft Recommendations – May 2008
- Final Recommendations Report – July 2008



# Schedule

We are here!



| Milestones                                | 2007     |          |         | 2008    |         |         |         |
|---|----------|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|   | July-Aug | Sept-Oct | Nov-Dec | Jan-Feb | Mar-Apr | May-Jun | Jul-Aug |
| 1 – Public Outreach<br>Project Management |          |          |         |         |         |         |         |
| 2 – Existing Conditions                   |          |          |         |         |         |         |         |
| 3 – Needs Assessment                      |          |          |         |         |         |         |         |
| 4 – Recommendations                       |          |          |         |         |         |         |         |
| 5 – Documentation                         |          |          |         |         |         |         |         |



# Goals

...drove the CTP development process

Enhance and maintain transportation system to meet existing and future needs

Ensure the transportation system promotes and supports appropriate land use and development

Encourage and promote safety and security

Improve connectivity and accessibility

Enhance mobility for all users of the transportation system

Promote and support economic development and redevelopment

Improve quality of life, preserve the environment, and protect neighborhood integrity

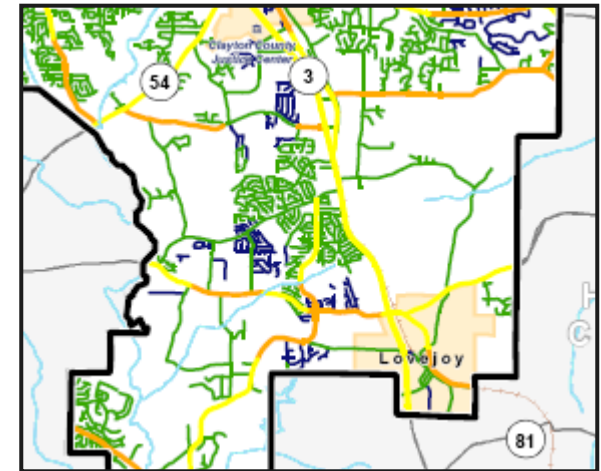
# Needs Assessment

- Peak-travel period congestion relief
- Cross-county (east-west) capacity enhancements and travel options
- Internal mobility improvements
- Multimodal access to common places of interest
- Needs for elderly and persons with disabilities
- Access to traveler information



# Needs Assessment

- Coordinated land use and transportation decision making
- Connecting compatible adjacent uses
- Fill in “gaps” in multimodal network (a.k.a. “Complete Streets”)
- Rail-roadway grade separation
- Countywide over-the-road freight network
- Truck-only lanes on Interstates
- Expand the use ITS applications





# Needs Assessment

- Asset management strategies
- Evacuation/relocation strategies
- Collision mitigation
- Pedestrian-supportive infrastructure
- Bicycle safety awareness programs





# Recommendations



# Recommendations – Roadways

- Implement roadway projects included in the adopted regional plan (ARC *Envision6* Regional Transportation Plan) and SPLOST
- Prioritize widening and other capacity-adding projects along SR 85 corridor
- New interchange ramps to/from I-85 and I-285 from SR 314
- Widen SR 314 from East Fayetteville Road to SR 138
- Fayetteville Road Extension (south of Jonesboro)
- Widen Fielder Road from SR 138 to US 23
- Implement Tara Boulevard/US 19-41 Study recommendations
- Others (I-75 south, I-675)



# Recommendations – Operations/ITS

- Implement operational/ITS improvements in RTP and SPLOST
- West Fayetteville Road from Riverdale Road to SR 138
- Ash Street from Morrow Road to Forest Parkway and Morrow Road from Old Dixie Highway to Ash Street
- Huie Road/Harper Drive/Rex Road from Jonesboro Road to US 23/SR 42
- Stagecoach Road from West Panola Road to Rex Road
- South Main Street from Tara Boulevard to College Street
- Signal Upgrades at Various Intersections in Forest Park



# Recommendations – Safety

- A variety of safety improvements, including better signing, improved pedestrian signals, pavement markings, upgraded signals, etc at the following locations:



- Tara Boulevard at North Avenue
- Tara Boulevard at Sherwood Avenue
- Tara Boulevard at Upper Riverdale Road
- Tara Boulevard at Mount Zion Road
- Riverdale Road at Flat Shoals Road
- Forest Parkway at Jonesboro Road
- Upper Riverdale at Old Dixie Highway
- Conkle Road at Mount Zion Road
- Jonesboro Road at SR 138 Spur
- SR 138 at I-675 (both NB and SB ramps)



# Recommendations – Bridges

- Projects to repair/replace bridges at the following locations:
  - CR 392, Upper Riverdale over Flint River
  - CR 1342, Battle Creek Road over Jestesters Creek
  - CS 800, Huie Road over Jestesters Creek



# Recommendations – Freight

- Recommend dedicated freight/truck routes
  - Especially east-west (recommended SR 20 extension, SR 138, Fayetteville Road extension, SR 331)
- Develop access control along major corridors serving major commercial centers for delivery
- Upgrade all at-grade crossings with gates, lights, bells
- Preserve rail ROW for future expansion opportunities
- Additional grade-separated locations
  - Clayton State Boulevard
  - Mount Zion Road
  - SR 54/Jonesboro Road



# Recommendations – Transit

- Implement commuter rail to Lovejoy included in ARC *Envision6* RTP
- Implement Transit Planning Board recommended Concept 3 (9 projects)
- New C-TRAN Routes
  - Old Dixie Road/Tara Boulevard (Tradeport-Justice Center)
  - West Fayetteville Road/Bethaisda Road (Airport-Riverdale)
  - SR 138 (Riverdale-The Beach)
  - SR 54/US 19-41 (Southlake-Lovejoy)
  - Forest Parkway/Anvil Block Road (Tradeport-Ellenwood)
  - Rex Road/Mount Zion Boulevard (Clayton State-Southlake)





# Recommendations – Transit

- Infrastructure/Operational Improvements
  - Passenger Transfer Facility
  - Superstops
  - Operations/Maintenance Facility
  - Queue-Jumper lanes
- MARTA Heavy Rail Extension to Southern Crescent



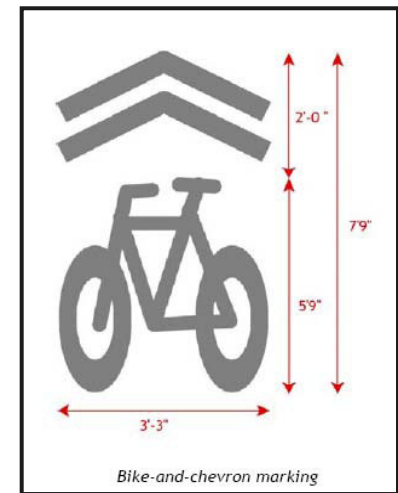
# Recommendations – Bicycle/Pedestrian

- Close gaps in the sidewalk network
  - Major north-south and east-west roads such as SR 54 and Tara Boulevard
- Alternative mode access around schools
  - Sidewalks/Crosswalks within  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile (at a minimum)
  - Paved Shoulders for bicycles within  $1\frac{1}{4}$  miles (at a minimum)
- Perform mid-block crossing analyses
  - Minimum 1000 feet between signalized intersections
- Link implementation of county Greenspace Master Plan to appropriate roadway upgrades



# Recommendations – Bicycle/Pedestrian

- Implement Bike-to-Work Partnerships and Safe Routes to Schools safety training
- Greenway/Blueway Trails
  - Jesters Creek (north)
  - Flint River
  - Hurricane Creek
  - Panther Creek
- Sharrows (shared-use arrows)
  - Low-speed roadways
  - Within town centers



# Recommendations – Access Management

## Priority Corridors:

- SR 138
- Tara Boulevard (US 19/41)
- SR 85

## Urban Arterials:

- Mount Zion Road
- North Avenue/SR 138 Spur
- North Main Street
- Old Dixie Road (US 19/41)
- SR 139/Riverdale Road
- SR 54/Jonesboro Road
- US 23/SR 42/Moreland Avenue

*“...the consolidation of access along major roadways, promotion of a supporting street system, and unified access and circulation systems for development.”*

- TPB Access Management Committee



# Recommendations – Land Use/Development

- Scenario Density
  - Mixed-use developments at strategic intersections, transit stops, etc.
- Safety (Pedestrian/Transit)
  - Aggressive sidewalk construction along transit routes
- Design
  - Access management principles along principal and minor arterials
  - Identify and implement appropriate street connectivity guidelines for new development



# Recommendations – Land Use/Development

- Coordination
  - Develop joint city/county development review panel
- Greenspace
  - Use of Transfer of Development Rights to preserve future greenspace
- Nodal Development
  - Land use ordinances and regulations that will intensify transit corridors





# Enhanced Elements of the CTP

- Maintenance Plan
- Roadway Guidelines
- Traffic Count Database
- Traffic Calming Policy





# Next Steps

- Finalize Needs Assessment and Report
- Conduct Final Round of Public Outreach
  - Public Information Meetings
    - Tonight in Riverdale
    - Monday in Rex
    - Tuesday in Lovejoy
    - Thursday in Jonesboro
- Complete Final Recommendations Report
  - TSC/SAC Meeting – June
  - BOC Briefing and Approval - July

